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Waltham Forest Welcome

Residents volunteer to help greet visitors to Waltham Forest during Olympic and Paralympic Games

Hello! Bonjour! Konnichiwa!
More than 100 volunteer greeters from Waltham Forest are trained and ready to help visitors find their way around the borough during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Waltham Forest Welcome project will see local volunteers greeting thousands of visitors to the borough during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. They will be based at areas such as train and tube stations during busy periods. Their first job will be to help people find their way during Waltham Forest's leg of the Olympic Torch Relay on Saturday 21 July.

Throughout the Olympics the uniformed volunteers will provide visitors with information on the local area, help with directions, give advice on transport options and provide handy tips for getting around crowded areas. As residents the volunteers are also best placed to tell visitors about local attractions, shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants.

As well as helping play their part in the Games and being the 'face' of Waltham Forest, the volunteers have received free training in customer service, health and safety and how to be an effective ambassador for their neighbourhoods.

The volunteers, who were



A group of Olympic volunteers meet Council Leader Chris Robbins at Waltham Forest Town Hall

chosen from hundreds of applicants, will receive a number of exciting rewards from the Council as a thank you for volunteering to play their part in the London 2012 Games.

Council Leader, Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News: "We chose the volunteers because they were all enthusiastic people who are passionate about Waltham Forest. We thought that they would be the perfect people to show visitors what is best about our borough during the Olympic and Paralympic Games."

The volunteers will all work at least five, four hour long

shifts during the busiest days of the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games.

Volunteer Kaye Bullock said: "I'm looking forward to welcoming people to the borough and helping them find their way."

"Doing the volunteer training has been wonderful, and I've met lots of different people. We're all different ages and from all over the borough, but have got on really well. I think the fact we're such a diverse bunch is great, it really reflects the borough and people who live here."

Fellow volunteer Frankie Conway added: "When London

won the bid to host the Games it inspired lots of people in sport, and I was definitely someone who took a lot from it. The Games will be the culmination of a lot of hard work, and I'm really happy I'm going to be part of it. It's truly a once in a lifetime experience."

More info

For more information or to request an application form phone **020 8496 3000**, email **Olympics@walthamforest.gov.uk** or visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012games**.



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The Torch Relay is coming

Saturday 21 July 2012 - Gates open at 3pm. Tickets holders must be in by 5pm.

Some tickets will be available at the door on the day from 4pm. These will be on a first come first served basis.

Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, entry via Farnan Avenue (off Forest Road) Walthamstow, E17 4NQ.

Waltham Forest Council and Presenting Partners of the London 2012 Torch Relay Coca-Cola, Samsung and Lloyds TSB bring you Rizzle Kicks, Twist and Pulse, Unity UK, Mizz Camara, Rhythm Kour Collective and acrobatic performances.



In my opinion

Armanni Antoine Chagar

Resident, Walthamstow



As a keen athlete and resident of Waltham Forest, which as we know is one of the Olympic Host Boroughs, I cannot wait for the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

My love for athletics grew from my natural love for sport.

At school I was a good runner and often came first in my races. My Mum also worked as a swimming teacher and taught me how to swim at an early age. Shortly afterwards I met Ralph Robinson from the Council's Sports Development Team and joined the local triathlon club. It was through him and my training buddy Becky Hewitt that I was introduced to Orion Harriers running club in Chingford. I improved as a runner and eventually represented Essex on two occasions in national competitions.

Being a member of Orion Harriers has also enabled me to play a role in the London 2012 Olympic Games. Between Monday 6 and Friday 10 August I will be at the Olympic Park volunteering as a Games Maker. My job will be to carry the athletes' kit onto the track and I will get to meet many of my heroes. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. I am so excited to be a part of the Olympics, I just cannot wait for August.

After the Games I plan to go to university in China where I will train and prepare for the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil. My objective is to represent the UK in the Triathlon. There are no guarantees in sport, but hopefully I will be selected to compete at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. I know I can make it, as long as I train hard and believe in myself.

I owe so much of my athletic development to my mother's encouragement. If young people want a career in sport, their parents should support and encourage them as much as possible. I doubt that I would have progressed this far without my mum's guidance.

For me, it is clear to see that the Olympic Games are already having a positive impact on young people. Olympians have been visiting schools, helping boost and inspire young people to get into sport. This is a good thing because I have seen lots of teenagers drop out of sport between the ages of 16 and 18. Young women in particular often pull out of sport as they reach their late teens. I hope that the London 2012 Games will motivate young women to get into or stay in sport.

I believe that London 2012 will be a great spectacle for young people from all backgrounds. I can't wait for the Games to begin.

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Items from the William Morris Gallery have undergone conservation work, ready for the reopening

Gallery to reopen

- William Morris Gallery opens on Thursday 2 August after £5m refurbishment
- Award-winning artist Grayson Perry to exhibit 'Walthamstow Tapestry'

After months of anticipation the wait is almost over: the new-look William Morris Gallery will be opening its doors to the public on Thursday 2 August.

The £5 million redevelopment, spearheaded by the Council, represents a new beginning, promising you and your family beautiful new exhibitions, exciting activities, toothsome treats from the new tea room and the opportunity to see more of our enviable collection than ever before.

William Morris is arguably Walthamstow's most famous son: an artist, craftsman, thinker and campaigner

whose influence changed the face of design as we know it and whose influence is still felt to this day in fields as diverse as fashion, fine art and interior design.

The new displays tell Morris's story, beginning with his early days in Walthamstow, reviving traditional craft techniques, the influence of diverse cultures, the success of his business Morris & Co. as well as his campaigns for social equality and the environment. The Gallery, which offers free entry to all, has something to inspire everyone from original wallpaper designs to stunning stained glass windows,

elaborately illustrated books and the satchel Morris used to distribute socialist pamphlets.

The new special exhibition space will also open with a fittingly stunning display, Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry's 'Walthamstow Tapestry'.

"I admire Morris for the range and depth of activity he was able to explore and the lasting influence he has had.

"I love ornate pattern and this is where Morris excels, his work has a joyous sense of design that provides visual delight and is immediately accessible to everyone. I always hope

to achieve similar aims through my work which means I am extremely delighted that my Walthamstow Tapestry is the first temporary exhibition in the transformed William Morris Gallery," says Perry.

More info

The William Morris Gallery (Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4PP) opens on Thursday 2 August. It will be open from 10am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday and is open for pre-booked group visits on Tuesdays. Visit www.wmgallery.org.uk or phone 020 8496 3000 for more details.

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Welcome the Olympic Torch

- Residents urged to help welcome the Olympic Flame to Waltham Forest
- Free Council events will help you celebrate and cheer on Torchbearers



Waltham Forest's final Torchbearer will light a celebration cauldron

Waltham Forest Council is hosting four fantastic free events on Saturday 21 July to celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Flame to the borough.

You can line the streets between Ruckholt Road and Waltham Forest Town Hall to cheer on the 22 Torchbearers or attend one of the Council's daytime events along the route.

A host of free activities and performances will take place at Coronation Gardens

(High Road Leyton, Leyton E10 5NE), Leyton Cricket Ground (High Road Leyton, Leyton E10 6RJ) and Walthamstow Town Square (High Street, Walthamstow E17 7JR). All three events are open from 4-7pm.

The evening will end with a fantastic free ticketed celebration at Waltham Forest Town Hall, which starts at 5pm. The Council will provide local talent in the shape of street dance group UnityUK, teenage singing sensation

Mizz Camara and free runners Rhythm Kour Collective.

You can also enjoy the sounds of Rizzle Kicks and Britain's Got Talent dance duo Twist and Pulse thanks to Coca-Cola, Samsung and Lloyds TSB – the official Presenting Partners of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. Waltham Forest's final torchbearer of the day will also light a celebration cauldron.

Tickets for the evening celebration were distributed via random ballots run through the Council's Big 6 events website. A small number of tickets will be available on the door from 4pm on Saturday 21 July. These are strictly first come first served and sadly the Council cannot guarantee entry to the event. However, there is the opportunity for residents to watch the final handover of the day on the Town Hall steps.

The Torch will travel through Waltham Forest from approximately 6pm. Part of High Road Leyton will be

closed from 2pm to 9pm, and there will be rolling road closures along the rest of the route from 6pm to 8pm. Traffic diversions will be in place and vehicles will be held at junctions to allow the Torch Relay to pass. There will be parking restrictions along the whole route from 8am to 12midnight on Saturday 21 July. Any vehicles parked along the route will be taken to the vehicle pound to allow the torch to pass through the borough.

More information about the events and a full map of the route is on the back page of this edition of Waltham Forest News.

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/torch-relay or phone 020 8496 3000. You can keep up with the flame's daily tour at www.london2012.com/torch-relay.

Leader's view

Cllr Chris Robbins

Leader - Waltham Forest Council

After years of careful planning, the Games are finally upon us, with the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics just days away.

This is tremendously exciting for everyone living and working in the borough. As a Council, we're determined to do everything we can to make sure that residents can have an unforgettable Olympics and reap the benefits that the Games will bring.

Although the Games are sure to be a magnificent spectacle and give us lifelong memories, we all need to double check and finalise our Games time plans and make sure we are prepared for some disruption to our normal routines.

It will be our job to make sure – in the middle of all of the fun and excitement – that we can still collect rubbish and recycling, look after vulnerable people, and make sure that businesses can capitalise on having so many extra visitors to the borough.

That is why we've worked hard to make sure core services continue as normal, albeit with some changes, and give you all the information you need to plan for any disruption during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As you'll have noticed from the special cover wrap on the last edition of Waltham Forest News, some Council services will be affected during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. If you missed your copy, you can download it from the Council website. You can also read the articles in the rest of this edition for some reminders about the things you should do before the Games begin.

But that's not to say it's just about planning for potential problems, we also want to help you celebrate and have a good time. I hope as many residents as possible come out to line the streets to welcome the Olympic Torch when it comes to our borough on Saturday 21 July.

And once the Games are over the Council will continue to build a lasting legacy, whether through additional jobs and opportunities for young people or further improvements to our streets and leisure facilities.

It's going to be an outstanding summer and I can't wait for the opening ceremony and all the fun and excitement the Olympic and Paralympic Games will offer.



Walthamstow Station development

Work is well underway on an economy boosting redevelopment project that began at Walthamstow Central Station in December 2011.

The seven-storey residential block has now been erected, and sits at the heart of a significant regeneration project in the town centre.

This already includes the

rejuvenated street market, along with a series of improved shop fronts set to be unveiled in the next couple of weeks. Recently news broke of plans to open a new multi-screen cinema on the nearby arcade site in 2014.

The development is an important part of the Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign to do more

to improve the borough's streets, and attract better shops and leisure facilities.

The £20 million station regeneration project will provide 69 residential apartments, with 50 per cent affordable housing, five new retail units and a 107 room Travelodge Hotel that is anticipated to boost spend in the local economy by around £1 million per year.

The development has also created a number of new jobs for local people – with over half of the people working on the site living in Walthamstow or neighbouring postcodes.

More info

For more information visit www.walthamstowforward.co.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



The view from the top of the new development show its place at the heart of Walthamstow

In brief



Larkwood by-election

Conservative party representative John Moss has won the by-election for the Larkwood ward seat in Waltham Forest Council. The by-election took place on Thursday 12 July, with the seat being contested by five candidates. Cllr Moss joins fellow Larkwood councillors Nick Buckmaster and Bernadette Mill.

• For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/council-and-democracy or phone 020 8496 3000.

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Priorities



The Big 6 events to date have seen over 40,000 residents enjoy Urban and Classical music, ice skating, fantastic fireworks and performances from top 40 pop acts

Celebrating the Olympic Year

Waltham Forest Council has five key priorities to help improve the lives of residents - in this edition we look at the work done to help make the most of the Olympic Year

This summer Waltham Forest will take its place in history as one of the host boroughs for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Even before the first medal has been won, things are off to a great start, and thousands of local people have attended the first four of the Council's Big 6 events.

The Big 6 was organised by the Council to help residents celebrate the Olympic Year and say 'thank you' for their understanding given the disruption the Games will bring.

More than 12,500 residents visited Winter Wonderland in December 2011. Visitors got the chance to show off their skating prowess on a 300 square metre ice rink in Leyton's Coronation Gardens.

And the Olympic Year truly started with a bang as thousands of families attended the New Year

Fireworks events held on Monday 2 January. Over 6,300 people attended the event in Highams Park, with another 5,800 turning up to the event at Marsh Lane, Leyton.

Saturday 19 May saw more than 7,000 residents dancing up a storm at Party on the Pitch, held at Leyton Orient Stadium. Local people were treated to top 40 hits courtesy of Cover Drive, The Saturdays, Alexandra Burke and Scouting for Girls.

More recently over 9,000 people enjoyed a spectacular night of entertainment at Urban Classic on Thursday 5 July. The concert saw urban artists Ms Dynamite, Fazer, Skepta and Devlin collide with the 85-piece BBC Symphony Orchestra.

Council Leader Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News: "Thanks to Olympic funding residents have seen new employment, training

and businesses opportunities as well as improvements to their streets and shop fronts.

"The Big 6 is helping make the Olympic year unforgettable for our residents, bringing the community closer together and providing memories that last a lifetime.

"I'm pleased there has been such a spectacular turn-out for the events. I can't think of a better way to welcome the Olympics, and judging by the thousands of happy people I've seen at the events I'd say plenty of Waltham Forest residents agree."

The Council aims to pay for these events through sponsorship and one off income generated by the Olympics.

And there are still two fantastic Big 6 Events to enjoy. The 2012 Festival of Sport takes place at Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex (Forest Road, E17 4JF) and

Waltham Forest Pool and Track (Chingford Road, E17 5AA) between 11am and 7pm on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August.

You can watch action from the 2012 games on giant screens, meet sporting professionals, have a go at a wide range of sports activities and meet people from local clubs. No ticket is required, just turn up on the day.

The final Big 6 event will be the Forest Film Fest, which takes place from Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September. Leyton Cricket Ground (High Road Leyton, E10 6PY) will be transformed into a dramatic outdoor cinema. There will be a film for everyone.

From 12noon on Monday 23 July until 12noon on Friday 3 August you can vote for the films you want to see. The six categories to vote in are: children's Disney and Pixar, Alfred Hitchcock

and horror night, sports related, general and action, blockbuster and classics.

And that's not all, in addition to the Big 6 on Sunday 5 August 'Godiva Awakes' will see a 10 metre high puppet of Godiva, powered by cyclists, travel through the borough. Starting from Ridgeway Park in Chingford, she will pass through the Crooked Billet roundabout and onto Waltham Forest Town Hall where she will be welcomed with art performances which highlight the best of Waltham Forest as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

And you can still get your community involved in the 2012 spirit. The Council gave every Community Ward Forum an extra £5,000 to distribute to local people to spend on street parties to celebrate the Olympic Games or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

You can still apply for funding

for Olympic celebrations by emailing the Council's Community Engagement Team. The amount of funding available depends on how much has already been spent in your area.

As you can see, it's going to be an outstanding summer. So make sure you get involved and make memories that will last a lifetime.

More info

For more information on The Big 6 visit www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk. Find out about Godiva Awakes at www.imagineerproductions.co.uk. View photos from the Big 6 at www.flickr.com/walthamforestcouncil. Apply for funding for Olympics street parties by emailing communityengagement@walthamforest.gov.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

What you say

Waltham Forest News asked residents queuing for Torch Relay tickets: What are you looking forward to most about the Olympics?



Sunita Hassan, Chingford



Ming, Leytonstone



Sheila Osbourne and daughter, Walthamstow



William Wong, Walthamstow



Perin Hakki and Mrs Hakki, Walthamstow

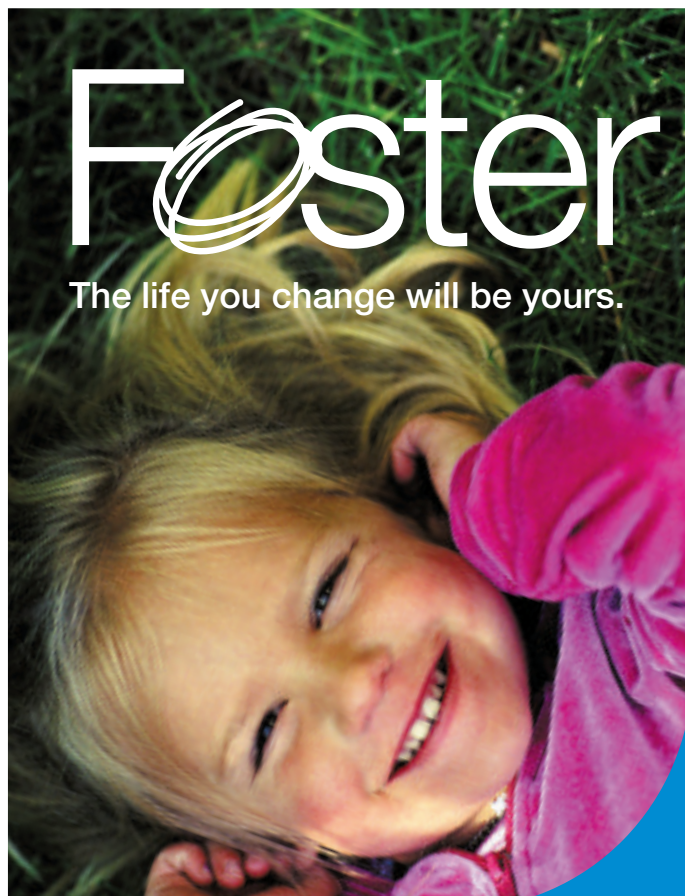
"I'm really looking forward to the Olympics, especially the athletics. I've been to all the Big 6 events and they've been brilliant, so I'm really looking forward to the Torch Relay celebration. It's great that the tickets are free and I hope that it gets everybody looking forward to the Games."

"The Olympics are going to be great; I'm really looking forward to watching the road cycling events. I'm happy to get tickets for the Torch relay celebration because I like concerts and socialising and having a free concert in the borough is going to be fun."

"I've been watching the torch relay happening around the country and I'm happy that it's going to be coming to Waltham Forest. I think the celebration event is going to be great. I haven't been to any of the Big 6 events yet, but it looks like it will be fun. I'm really looking forward to the Games, especially because my sister and I have tickets!"

"The Torch Relay is the first key Olympic event that's happening in our borough, so I'm really looking forward to it. I'm proud that London is hosting the Games and I've been wearing Olympic and Paralympic lapel pins since 2010! I think the Olympics will help instil a sense of pride in the area and I hope it will bring people together in the community."

Perin: "I applied for tickets for the Torch Relay celebration because my friend is one of Waltham Forest's Torchbearers. It's going to be great to see him be part of something so memorable. I think the event will be good, and it's nice that the tickets are free."



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Wednesday 18 July

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The new Ruckholt Road foot and cycle bridge opened on Monday 2 July and provides easy access to the Olympic park. An extra 91 cleaning staff will keep the borough tidy during the Games

The Games and

The Olympic and Paralympic Games will be a time of great excitement and bring with it provided a catalyst for regeneration and development and will leave a legacy long after

Ruckholt Road Bridge

The new Ruckholt Road foot and cycle bridge, which connects Waltham Forest to the Olympic Park, was opened by Council Leader Chris Robbins on Monday 2 July.

Cyclists and pedestrians joined Waltham Forest Council to celebrate the opening despite the rain. The development is an important element in the Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign that is committed to doing more to improve the borough's streets, and attract better shops and leisure facilities.

In addition to helping connect Leyton to the rest of London and adding to the regeneration of the area, the bridge ties to another key Council initiative – the promotion of cycling as a means of getting about the borough.

"The Council recently agreed a ten-point Cycle Action Plan that outlines

various ways to make the borough safer for cyclists," explained Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment.

"Ruckholt Road is a major east-west artery which leads directly into the Olympic Park from Leyton and the south of the borough, so it will make a big difference to cyclists wanting to get in and out of Leyton.

"The existing road bridge was inadequate for pedestrians and cyclists, and couldn't be properly adapted or reconstructed. While getting the new bridge built before the Games was a big ask – given the tight timescale and major logistical issues associated with crossing a rail line – we're now very pleased to have it open."

Walthamstow Market

Love Your Local Market fortnight came to Europe's longest outdoor street market in Walthamstow between Saturday 23 June and

Sunday 8 July, celebrating the 125 year history of the market and highlighting the recent investment made by the Council.

The new look Walthamstow Market was launched back in March with new branding and advertising, the introduction of new stalls, improvements to the stall layout, new canopies for stalls and new measures to increase recycling and cleanliness.

The investment comes as part of an overall package to regenerate the borough totalling £23 million. The Council's ultimate aim is to make sure that the borough is an area that people want to live in, spend their leisure time in and above all invest in.

Love Your Local Market fortnight is a new national campaign to showcase markets of all types around the UK. The campaign was introduced in response to Mary Portas's review on High Streets that made a recommendation to establish a national market day.

Markets all over the country held events and Walthamstow was no exception, celebrating with a mixture of giveaways, information and entertainment on Saturday 7 July.

As well as music and street entertainment, food stalls gave away free tasters to encourage you to love your market. Make the most of it and spend your money locally. It will be particularly handy during the Olympics when you can leave your car at home and avoid the inevitable traffic disruption.

Bin collections

One of the impacts of the Games will be increased traffic on the borough's streets. Because it will be harder to get around, the Council has arranged for its contractors to alter bin collection times.

During the Olympic and Paralympic Games the borough has been split into three zones, with collections in Chingford taking place from 6am onwards, in Walthamstow

from 4am and in Leyton and Leytonstone from 8pm.

Councillor Loakes said, "We have had to plan to make sure we can continue to pick up residents' bins each and every week. We also don't want people sitting behind rubbish lorries during the busiest rush hours London will have ever seen."

The changes to collection times will only operate from Monday 30 July to Friday 10 August and from Monday 27 August to Friday 7 September. Collection days remain the same.

Traffic schemes

Residents are being urged to find out how Transport for London's changes to roads during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will affect them.

The Games will lead to road closures, diversions, traffic hotspots, temporary Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) and changes to public transport, particularly

between Friday 27 July and Sunday 9 September.

Not only will there be LOCOG's temporary Controlled Parking Zone south of Lea Bridge Road during this time, but a number of roads in Waltham Forest will also be directly affected by restrictions.

The A12 westbound entry slip road at the Green Man Roundabout will be subject to morning closures between 6am and 11am, while the A12 westbound and eastbound exit slip road at the Lea interchange will be closed between 6am and 12 midnight.

There will also be a nearside Games Lanes for athletes and officials on the A12 westbound, close to the Lea Interchange. This will also operate between 6am and 12 midnight.

Because of these changes, a signed diversion route will be put in place along Whipps Cross Road and Lea Bridge Road. It is anticipated that there will be increased traffic and delays on this route and main roads



There will be some changes to the times bins are collected during the Olympics and Paralympics, but collection days stay the same. Find out how road closures and changes will affect you

the borough

both a wealth of opportunity and some serious challenges to services. The Games has the athletes have departed. Read on for more information on our Olympic borough:

through Waltham Forest.

The Council's advice is to follow the four Rs. Reduce the need to travel; Re-time your travel arrangements; Re-route where possible; and Revise the mode of transport you use.

Shopfronts

It's important that as well providing physical regeneration – such as the new bridge detailed across the page – improvements also need to benefit the area and the people who live and work there.

Leyton High Road is a good example of a street that has been dramatically improved by lots of investment, with new road surfacing, pavement improvements and upgraded street furniture.

However, the improvements that have really caught the attention and imagination of people are the refurbishment of shopfronts that have been described as making the area look 'more like Notting Hill than Eastenders'.

The Council secured £475,000 in funding from the Government's Working Neighbourhoods Fund to improve the look of 21 shops. The work ranged from specialist conservation work; new signage; replacement or refurbished shopfronts and cleansing of the upper levels.

Many have been painted in complementary pastel shades providing a consistent feel to the parades of shops. The improvements to the exterior of the shops have in turn led to many of the small businesses investing in refitting their interiors.

Two further schemes in the borough are also underway, with similar improvements to shopfronts in Walthamstow due to be unveiled in a couple of weeks. Another scheme in Wood Street will be carried out in the New Year and the Council also hopes to extend the scheme to other parts of the borough if funded can be obtained.

Jubilee Park

One important development that is not a direct legacy of the Games, but nevertheless builds on the improvements in the south of the borough, is the opening of a new park in Leyton.

Leyton Jubilee Park – formerly known as Marsh

Lane Playing Fields and Ive Farm – is due to be opened on Wednesday 29 August.

"The name has been chosen to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – an event hundreds of our residents celebrated with street parties," explained Waltham Forest Council Leader Chris Robbins. The park covers 14

hectares (34.5 acres) of green space and facilities will include a new bridge and pathway over Dagenham Brook, a new changing pavilion and new football pitches and play facilities.

Additionally the Council is looking to provide enhanced nature reserve elements, more improved sports facilities, a new river walk and upgrades to all the entrances to the park.

The Council is looking to add to its investment to date of over £2 million with various funders bringing extra money to the table which will hopefully fund a visitor's centre.

The development is an important element in the Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign that is committed to doing more to improve the borough's streets, and attract better shops and leisure facilities.

Extra staff

Because the Olympics is a one off event, Central Government provided

additional funding through LOCOG (London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games) for additional street cleansing, refuse and recycling collections, park operations and improvements to the street and environment scene during the Games.

In Waltham Forest 60 additional street cleaners and 31 park keepers/cleaners have been employed to assist the existing core staff who look after the borough.

"It's never been more important to present a clean and tidy borough," said Cllr Loakes. "The eyes of the world will be upon us, so the extra resource we have put together for the Games will be doing a really important job."

Waltham Forest has a strong no-nonsense approach to environmental crimes such as littering and dog mess and the additional staff will help contractors Kier maintain the high level of service residents have come to expect.

Fact file

- The Council has received more than £1.1 million government funding via the Greater London Authority (GLA) to spend on the additional services that will be needed during the 2012 Games.
- The planned daily event start time and finish time at the Olympic Park is from 9am–midnight with spectator changeovers between 12noon–1.30pm and 5–6.30pm.
- An extra £650,000 is being set aside for additional waste management and street cleaning.
- Friday 3 August and Saturday 4 August are expected to be the busiest days with 550,000 to 650,000 tickets available to London venues.
- There could be a total attendance of 5.3 million people at the Games. There may not only be extra demand from spectators, athletes and officials but from people without tickets who visit London to watch the Games on big screens at the live sites or attend cultural events.
- Environmental Health and Trading Standards have received a boost of £110,000 to provide additional Olympic services.

Lion and Key House opens

If you are a frequent visitor to Leyton you may have noticed that the former Lion and Key pub, on the junction of Church Road and High Road Leyton, has recently been renovated and transformed from a derelict Locally Listed building to a modern support and living centre.

The centre, which officially opened on Tuesday 10 July, will be managed by Hazeldene Care and Support Limited, and will provide a community based service and home care for adults with learning disabilities.

Hazeldene Care and Support Limited provide a care and training service that enables individuals to develop their independent living skills knowing that support staff are on hand to help them. Each individual will be supported to maintain their tenancy at Lion

and Key House with the landlord, pay bills, shop and claim for the necessary housing exemptions or discounts such as council tax and housing benefit.

A lot of work has gone into renovating the Lion and Keys to a high quality, and the Council is committed to working with developers and investors by offering clear planning guidelines, a one-stop service and a 'can do approach'. The Council worked with owner Mustafa Yaman, to ensure the Lion and Key building works were co-ordinated, as well as compliment the street improvement works along High Road Leyton.

The renovation of the derelict Lion and Key pub, the street improvement works and the shop front works on High Road Leyton are all part of the Council's work to create better streets for residents.

For more information contact the Physical Regeneration Team on **020 8496 3000**.



Owner Mustafa Yaman and Cllr Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, at the opening of the new Lion and Key building

What should you do if you think a child is being abused?

Don't ignore it, Report it!

If you have concerns about a child's welfare, or feel that they may be being abused, please call Waltham Forest Direct on **020 8496 3000**

Alternatively, in an emergency, phone the police on **999**. Remember, your call could mean the start of getting the right help to a family and may even save a child's life.

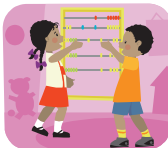


Waltham Forest

PARKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ARE YOU A WORKING PARENT LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

Parkside Primary school provides Daycare for nursery aged children. This service runs from 8.00–6.00p.m—Monday to Friday for 48 weeks of the year at a cost of £32.50 per day



We are flexible on the number of days your child attends either one day or up to 5 days—whatever fits in with your work commitments. The provision takes place in our well equipped nursery and daycare room.



Please telephone 0208 559 4278 and speak to Tina if you would like more information - or come along for a visit.

Parkside Primary School
21 Wellington AvenueE
Chingford, E4 6RE
Tel: 020 8559 4278

Olympic checklist

With the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games just days away it's time to make sure you're ready. Use our handy reminder checklist to make sure you're prepared.



Controlled Parking Zones and parking permits

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) will implement a temporary Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) south of Lea Bridge Road from Monday 16 July. If you live in this area and park a car there you should already have applied for a temporary parking permit. If you have not applied for a permit, please do so immediately. The permit will be virtual and you will not receive a badge to display in your car. To apply for a permit, or make any other enquiries, phone LOCOG on 0300 111 1212.



Plan alternative routes and ways to travel

There's no doubt that roads and public transport will be busier than normal. Have you thought about how you'll get to work, pick the kids up, visit friends and family and do the weekly shop? Make sure you plan ahead, avoid travelling at the busiest times of day and think about leaving the car at home if you can. For more information on travel during the Games visit TfL's website www.getaheadofthegames.com



Check on vulnerable people living on your street

The Council is urging residents to 'be a good neighbour' throughout the Olympic and Paralympic Games. If you have a neighbour or family member who uses social care services, then be aware that there may be some delays to the services they use. Why not pop round to check how they are, or ask if there is anything you can do to help? If you have any concerns phone the Community Safety Unit on 020 3276 0956 or Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



Watch Olympic events

Whether you're watching events live at the venues, catching the action on TV or watching at the Walthamstow Live Site, make sure you don't miss your favourite sports stars competing for the medals. A full schedule of Olympic and Paralympic events is available on the London 2012 website www.london2012.com/schedule-and-results.



Keep healthy

All NHS services will remain open as usual during the Games, but are likely to be very busy. Check your repeat prescriptions are up to date before the end of July and stock up on your normal home medicines. Talk to your pharmacist for advice on all minor ailments. For more information about the NHS in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforestccg.nhs.uk.



Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic Torch Relay comes to Waltham Forest on Saturday 21 July. There will be delays on some roads and you should plan alternative routes. Full information, including where you should watch, is available on the back page of this edition of Waltham Forest News.



Refuse and recycling

During the Games we'll be changing the times residents have their rubbish and recycling collected. From Monday 30 July to Friday 10 August and from Monday 27 August to Friday 7 September collections will take place from 4am in Walthamstow, from 6am in Chingford and from 8pm in Leyton and Leytonstone. Collection days remain the same. For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012.



Trading standards

Make sure you don't get ripped off by people selling fake goods or tickets during the Games. Only buy from authorised and official sources. If you suspect someone is selling counterfeit goods phone Trading Standards on 020 8496 3000.



Check the Council website regularly

Throughout the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games Waltham Forest Council's website will be updated throughout the day with reliable information from the Council, the Police and other local organisations. It's the best source of information for up to the minute news about things affecting Waltham Forest. Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk.

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Urban Classic rocks!

Thousands of local people enjoy Council's free open air concert featuring BBC Symphony Orchestra and urban artists

More than 9,000 local people enjoyed a truly spectacular night of entertainment on Thursday 5 July when Urban Classic wowed Waltham Forest residents.

The concert saw urban artists Ms Dynamite, Fazer,

Skeptta and Devlin collide with the 85-piece BBC Symphony Orchestra - conducted by Jules Buckley - for new compositions and fresh twists on familiar material, including a rendition of Bob Dylan's 'All Along The Watchtower' which

featured a surprise appearance from pop heavyweight Ed Sheeran.

Leader of Waltham Forest Council, Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News: "The event was absolutely stunning and local people of all ages and backgrounds were in

attendance singing, dancing and smiling from ear to ear.

"The Olympic Torch Relay arrives in Waltham Forest on Saturday 21 July, and if Urban Classic is any indication then our Torchbearers can expect the welcome of a lifetime from a borough whose

residents well and truly know how to celebrate."

Urban Classic was one of the Council's 'Big 6' events, which aim to celebrate the Olympic year and help say thank you to residents for their understanding while the Games are underway.

More info

For more information on The Big 6 visit www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk. You can view photos from all of the Big 6 events at www.flickr.com/walthamforestcouncil. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

The Big 6
Waltham Forest
It's happening here



Fazer takes a moment to speak to fans



'Grime' scene star Devlin got the crowd going



Thousands of local people came to see Urban Classic



The 85-piece BBC Symphony Orchestra were a big hit



Pop star Ed Sheeran made a surprise appearance



Skeptta shows off his vocal skills



Ms Dynamite shows her appreciation

Stay healthy during London 2012



If you are ill or injured during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, choosing the right service will help you get the best treatment quickly. The information below provides advice about local health services.

The NHS is prepared for London 2012. East London will have many visitors and roads and transport will be very busy. We have been planning for months to make health services for local people continue this summer.

At your GP practice, hospital and for your health visitor or district nurse, the services you need will continue. If there are any changes to appointments, the NHS service, practice or hospital will let you know.

Please leave adequate travelling time to get to your appointment.

Where can I get medical treatment or advice?

- For health information and advice choose NHS Choices www.nhs.uk/London2012
- For face to face health advice and medication choose a pharmacy
- For an illness or injury that requires immediate treatment choose a walk in service
- For medical advice, examinations, and prescriptions make an appointment with your GP
- For major accidents or serious illness choose Accident and Emergency
- Find your nearest health service at www.nhs.uk/London2012

NHS Choices for information and advice:

Many illnesses and injuries can be treated at home without the need to see a doctor or a nurse.

To find a health service or for information about a minor illness or injury and how to treat it visit NHS Choices www.nhs.uk/London2012

Treatment for illnesses or injuries such as:

- Coughs and colds
- Simple cuts and grazes
- Headaches
- Sunburn
- Hangover
- Mild indigestion or stomach ache

Key features of service

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Accessible on the internet
- Translation available

Pharmacies for advice and medication:

You can visit a pharmacy without an appointment for advice about a minor illness or injury and the medicine you need to treat it. At pharmacies and most supermarkets you can buy many medicines and healthcare products, such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, antacids, emergency contraception, plasters, bandages and sunscreen.

Treatment for illnesses or injuries such as:

- Eye and ear infections
- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- Coughs, colds and fevers
- Minor allergies such as hay fever
- Rashes and sunburn
- Emergency contraception

Key features of service

- Available on most high streets
- No appointment required
- Face-to-face advice

Walk-in services for treatment for an illness or injury:

The NHS provides a range of walk-in services such as urgent care centres, walk-in centres and minor injuries units. Walk-in services offer convenient access to a range of treatments. Many centres are open 365 days a year and outside normal office hours. You can see a health professional without an appointment for treatment for a minor illness or injury that requires immediate attention.

For your nearest walk-in service visit www.nhs.uk/London2012

Treatment for illnesses or injuries such as:

- Minor illnesses and infections
- Muscle injuries such as sprains and strains
- Minor cuts and wounds
- Minor burns

Key features of service

- No appointment necessary
- Treatment by a nurse or doctor (dependent on the centre visited)

For your nearest A&E department

Visit www.nhs.uk/London2012

Treatment for illnesses or injuries such as:

- Severe burns
- Severe allergic reactions
- Heavy bleeding
- Broken bones
- Chest pain
- Difficulty breathing
- Suspected stroke
- Choking
- Blacking out

Key features of service

- Treatment of a serious injury and illness in an emergency

Your checklist for a healthy London 2012

NHS Choices www.nhs.uk/London2012
London 2012 www.london2012.com
Transport for London www.tfl.gov.uk

Remember...

ONLY call 999 in an emergency
For non emergency health advice call
NHS Direct 0845 4647 24hrs a day,
365 days a year

What's On

The Big6 Waltham Forest It's happening here

Festival of Sport

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August.
Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF and Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Chingford Road, Walthamstow E17 5AA.
Watch the action or take part in Olympic and Paralympic Games at the 2012 Festival of Sport.
A fun event for all the family.
www.walthamforesstbig6.co.uk/2012-festival-of-sport

Sports and fitness

Hatha Vinyasa Yoga

Every Monday, 7.30-8.30 pm.
Leytonstone School Community Sports Centre, James Lane, E11.
Very friendly classes and all abilities welcome. £6.50 drop in or £24 for 4 weekly booked in advance.
Other classes locally, as well as private yoga classes.
For more information phone Davina on 07768 963646 or email davina.yogaflow@gmail.com

Iyengar Yoga classes

Thursdays, 7.30-8.30pm.
St Patrick's Church Hall, Blackhorse Road, E17 6NH.
Saturdays, 9-10am.
St Andrew's Church, St Andrews Road, E17 6AR.
The practice of Iyengar yoga is suitable for all regardless of flexibility and age. Iyengar yoga helps gain good health, mental peace, emotional equanimity and intellectual clarity. £6 per class for Thursday class and £7.50 per class for Saturday classes. Beginners welcome.
For further information phone Nicholette on 07962 424460.

Belly Dance Fitness

Tuesdays, 7.10-8.10pm.
YMCA 642 Forest Road, Walthamstow E17.
Raqs Sharqi (belly dance) is the sensual female dance form of the Egypt and the Middle East. Come learn genuine moves, improve health and fitness, core stability and confidence in a fun aerobic based

workout, with Ursula, a professional dancer and experienced teacher, with over 15 years experience. All abilities aged 18+ welcome. £6.50 or FREE to YMCA gym members.
For more information phone 07799 135981 or email Raqs@mail.com.

Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 8-9pm.
North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Road (opposite Budgens).
An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, Bodybars, gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music. First class free, then £25 per month.
Please contact Lucilla on 07956 695 077 to book your space, email lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk or visit www.onestopfitness.co.uk.



West Essex Ramblers

Every Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.
A friendly walking group. Also walking holidays in England and abroad. Sorry, no dogs.
For a copy of our programme phone 020 8502 1628 or visit www.westessexramblers.co.uk.

Orion Harriers five mile series

Saturday 4 August, 10am.
Jubilee Retreat, Bury Road, Chingford, E4 6QJ.
Join Orion Harriers for a five-mile scenic off-road race. The race will be marked, marshalled and accurately measured. All standards welcome for this friendly run. Advanced entry is £6 for UKA affiliated club members or £8 for non members. You can also enter on the day before 9.30am; £8 for club members or £10 for non-members.
For more information visit www.orionharriers.org.uk or email bobjouisfe@hotmail.com

Tell us what's on

walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk

Clubs and community

Affordable Psychotherapy in English and Spanish

Appointments available Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm.
Near Blackhorse Road Station
Short and long term psychotherapy for individuals and couples. Sliding scale of fees, meaning that everyone can access psychotherapy. Concessions for students, unwaged and retired people.
For more information phone Valeria on 07912 887588 or email vb.psychologist@gmail.com.

St Andrew's table top sale

Saturday 21 July, 10am-2pm.
St. Andrew's Christian Centre, St. Andrew's Road, E17 6AR.
Table top sale. Tables available at £10. Lunches and snacks also available. Entry for buyers 50p per person.
To book a table phone Kate on 020 8527 7234.

Knit Forest Road

Tuesdays, 8.30-10pm.
Forest Road, Walthamstow.
Come and join a new free knitting group! We are an informal, local, friendly group who just like to chat over a bit of knitting. So bring your needles and wool and join us for a good old yarn.
Please call Lynette on 07979 987494 for further details.

Leytonstone Festival

Thursday 12 to Sunday 22 July, times vary.
Get ready for London's liveliest local event this year. Leytonstone Festival kicks off on Thursday 12 July with a fabulous range of events and spectacles. There are lots of new acts this year as well as popular return visits. And topping this year's bill – Alun Davies (QI, Jonathan Creek) making his first Festival appearance with a stand-up show on Saturday 21 July at The Sheepwalk pub, Leytonstone High Road. With over 60 acts there's a lot to choose from.
For more information on events, venues and times please visit www.leytonstonefestival.org.uk or phone the Leytonstone Festival Press Office on 020 8536 9939.

Sunset over London - tower tours of St John's Church

Thursdays, start times vary.
St John's Church, Leytonstone
Experience stunning views of the local area, the Olympic Park and the city skyline from this newly-restored East London landmark. After your trip up the tower, enjoy fairtrade refreshments and live music from local professional musicians while you look around the church. Admission £12.50 or £10 for groups and concessions. £5 for 8-16 years (sorry, no under 8s).
To book a space email bookings@stjohnleytonstone.co.uk or phone 020 8257 2792.



Coney Burrows Community Association

Wednesdays, 1-3pm.
1 Coney Burrows, Off Wyemead Crescent, Chingford, E4 6EB.
Colney Burrows Community Association offers activities mainly for retired people such as bingo and occasional coach trips.
For more information phone 020 8523 9281.

Tell us what's on
Call 020 8496 3000

Culture and crafts

Guffaw Comedy Club Comedy Festival

Monday 16 to Saturday 21 July, 8pm.
Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre Pub, Hoe Street, Walthamstow.
Walthamstow's second annual comedy festival at the Guffaw Comedy Club. Monday 16: Lucy Porter and Silky, £10. Tuesday 17: Shappi Khorsandi and Simon Munnery, £10. Wednesday 18 Paul Sinah and Andrew Lawrence, £10. Thursday 19: Phil Nichol and Alistair Barrie, £10. Friday 20 Richard Herring and Bridget Christie, £15.

Saturday 21 Nick Doody and Paul McCaffrey, £10.
To buy tickets visit www.wegotickets.com and search for 'Guffaw Comedy Club'.

Godiva Awakes carnival

Sunday 5 August, 1-7pm.
Parade starts at Ridgeway Park, Chingford and proceeds to Chestnuts Field behind Waltham Forest. Town Hall, via the Crooked Billet roundabout and The Bell corner. A spectacular performance will mark the 'awakening' of Lady Godiva. Powered by 50 cyclists, she will join 2,000 dancers, actors and aerialists.
For more information email Arts&events@walthamforest.gov.uk.

Chingford Day Dance festival

Sunday 12 August, 1-7pm.
Ridgeway Park, Chingford E4.
Family fun day with dance acts from around the world plus live bands with lots of children's entertainment. Live in concert will be soul band The Real Thing, with support from Imagination and Kenny Thomas.
For more information email Arts&events@walthamforest.gov.uk.

Woodhouse Players presents The Rivals

Wednesday 18 July and Friday 20 July, 8pm.
Saturday 21 July, 2.30pm and 8pm.
Welsh Church Hall, 879 High Road Leytonstone, E11 1HR.
The Woodhouse Players present their reworking of the classic comedy The Rivals. Set against an amalgam of the 1780s, 1980s and modern day, this reworking of the classic Restoration comedy will introduce you to a fresh vision of the genre. What to do when you're in love with someone who is in love with you only because they think you're actually someone else? Two young couples, a moralistic widow, an Irish suitor, disguise, intrigue, love letters, Sheridan's rapier wit and satire are the perfect ingredients for this ultimate cocktail of a comedy of manners. Tickets £8 (£5 concessions)
Book online at www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk or reserve by phone on 020 8504 3872.

Spoken word, storytelling and music event

Thursday 19 July, 7.30pm.
Leytonstone Library, 9 Church Lane, Leytonstone, E11 1HG.

During the spring and summer of 2012, local author Paula David has been leading a creative writing project entitled Voices Unite. The storytellers and poets who have taken part showcase their work, interspersed with performances by more seasoned writers and musicians. Leyton Six Form College Art and Design students have been busy designing artwork for the anthology. The winning designs will be unveiled. Sign up early for an open mic spot between 6.30-7pm on the night! (places limited). Free entry and refreshments.
For more information email Paula cma@live.co.uk.



London Music Academy – music lessons

Wednesday evenings.
Sir George Monoux College, Music lessons for adults and children. Vocal, guitar, keyboard, piano, saxophone, clarinet and flute. Prices start from £9.
For more information visit www.londonmusicacademy.co.uk, email info@londonmusicacademy.co.uk or phone 07541 274611.

Godiva Awakes mass choir rehearsals

Saturday 28 July, 10am-4pm.
Walthamstow Girls School, Church Hill, E17.
Juwon has collaborated with British Gospel Arts and local musicians to greet Godiva with a new piece of music reflects the spirit of Waltham Forest. The rehearsal happens again on Saturday 4 August and will be followed by a performance at Walthamstow Town Hall on Sunday 5 August.
To participate register on Waltham Forest Voices at www.choirsinwalthamforest.com.

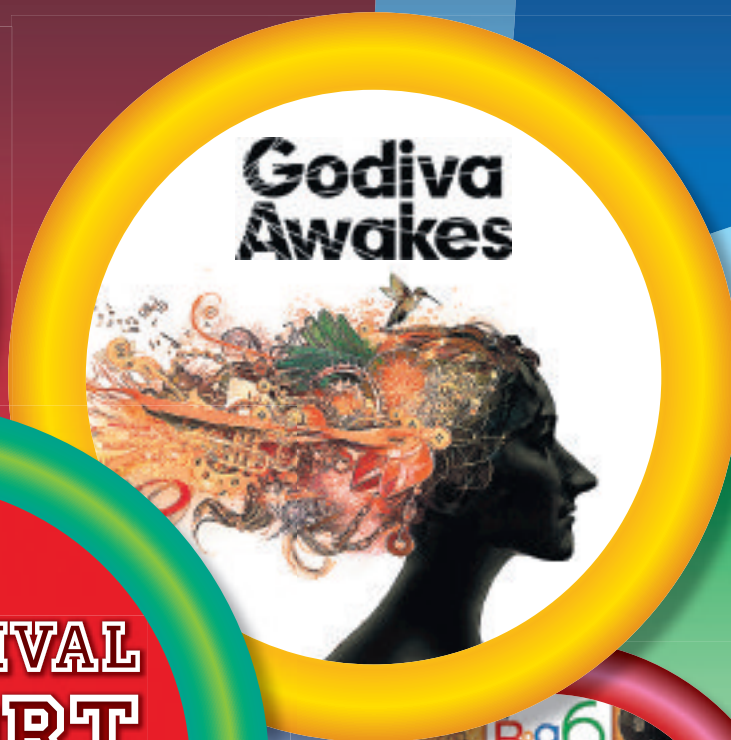
Gospel singing workshop

Sunday 12 August, 10am-4pm.
Chingford Day Dance Festival, Ridgeway Park, Peel Close, E4.
Andrea Encinas is an international voice coach and choral leader at British Gospel Arts. This workshop will be swaying with Latin gospel,

FREE EVENTS

A summer of events

Let's celebrate 2012 in Waltham Forest



We'll remember the summer of 2012 for years to come. Here in Waltham Forest, we're especially lucky to be right in the middle of the action, as an Olympic host borough.

FREE EVENTS



Forest Film Fest

Friday 31 August - Sunday 2 September 2012

Opens Friday 31 August, 7pm for one showing

Saturday 1 September, 12noon-9.30pm

Sunday 2 September, 12noon-9.30pm

Leyton Cricket Ground,
High Road Leyton, Leyton E10 6PY

Vote for your films

Leyton Cricket Ground will be transformed into a dramatic outdoor cinema for a fantastic

festival of film favourites and you get to vote for the films you want to see. From 12noon on Monday 23 July until 12noon on Friday 3 August, you will be able to cast your vote online at www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk

There will be something for everyone from Disney favourites, black and white classics, action, thriller and romance as well as films by local legend, director and producer Alfred Hitchcock.

Make your choice and check online for the results of the vote from Wednesday 8 August.

To vote for your favourite films visit www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk

Torch Relay and Evening Celebration

Saturday 21 July 2012

Bring the whole family to line the streets and add your voice to the cheers as the Olympic Flame makes its way through Waltham Forest before the Torch Relay Evening Celebration kicks off.

The Olympic Flame will travel via 22 torchbearers from Ruckholt Road through Leyton, along the High Road into Walthamstow, through Hoe Street, ending at Waltham Forest Town Hall.

The Town Hall grounds will be opened up so that residents can see the final torch handover. Check out the route at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012 to pick your spot.

To add more excitement, there will be plenty of opportunity to take part in the **mini-celebration events** along the route, including:

Rhythm of London Big Busk

4-7pm.

Coronation Gardens, High Road Leyton, Leyton E10 5NE 4pm-7pm.

Torch arrival approx 6.30pm.

Enjoy the musical talents of three local busking bands.

Going for Gold Mini Olympics

4-8pm.

Leyton County Cricket Ground E10 6RJ.

Torch arrival approx 6.45pm.

Take part in cage baseball, simulation F1 racing, football and enjoy the entertainment from Michael Jackson impersonator Navi.

London 2012 Live Site

4-8pm.

Walthamstow Town Centre, Walthamstow E17 7RJ.

Torch arrival approx 7.10pm

DJ's Eddie Nestor and Robbie Gee, Waltham Forest's Got Talent singing competition, games, giveaways, children's zone and international food eateries.

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012

Torch Relay evening celebration - a ticketed event

5pm - 8pm.

Doors open at 3pm.

No entry after 5pm.

Chestnut Field, Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, Walthamstow E17 4JF.

Torch arrival approx 7.20pm.

Waltham Forest will host a fantastic evening event as the borough celebrates the arrival of the Olympic Flame. **If you haven't secured a ticket through the ballot a limited number of tickets will be allocated on the day on a first come first served basis from 4pm.**

For more information on the evening celebration visit www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk. To check out the route visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012

No ticket is required if you want to watch the flame arrive at the Town Hall Complex.

The celebrations include entertainment from chart toppers Rizzle Kicks and Britain's Got Talent dance sensation Twist and Pulse. There will also be entertainment from home grown talent hip-hop dance group Unity UK, the vocal talents of Mizz Camara and the energetic free runners Rhythm Kour Collective.

Please refer to the back cover of the paper for more detailed information on the Torch Relay route and changes to local roads on the day.



FREE EVENTS

2012 Festival of Sport

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August 11am-7pm

Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, Walthamstow, E17 4JF and

Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Chingford Road, Walthamstow E17 5AA

The Festival of Sport will be an exhilarating weekend of free sport for all the family.

Give it a go

Waltham Forest Council and One Movement (funded by the National Lottery through the Olympic Lottery Distributor) provide your chance to have a go at a whole range of sports including:

- Archery

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Boccia
- Boxing
- Football
- Shoalin Gong / Tai Chi
- Table tennis
- Mini-tennis
- Volleyball plus loads more!

There's also Wii sports and adventure zones with a variety of activities from climbing walls to crazy golf.

Family fun

- Watch the action on the giant screens
- Check out sport demonstrations
- Top tips from sports professionals.



For more information visit www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk



Plus an evening of fun packed entertainment with live performances, competitions and prizes to be won including tickets to see Rizzle Kicks in concert.

All activities are free.

Godiva Awakes

Sunday 5 August from approximately 1.45pm-4pm

Procession ends at

Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, E17 4JF

What is Godiva awakes?

Powered by cyclists, a ten metre high large scale puppet of Godiva operated by puppeteers will take part in a processional performance with partners Masquerade 2000, Europe's leading carnivalists, and Studio 3 Arts organisation.

Starting from Ridgeway Park in Chingford, to the Crooked Billet and onto Waltham Forest Town Hall where she will be received in an explosive and dynamic reception welcoming her to art

performances which highlight the best of Waltham Forest as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

Come and join the fun

Our local people, including school children, community groups and disabled groups will all be donning costumes and taking part in an enormous procession through the streets of Chingford and Walthamstow.

Take to the streets to cheer Godiva along and bring your friends and family.

Godiva route

Godiva will travel from Chingford to the Crooked Billet and onto Forest Road ending at the stunning Town Hall Complex. Here Godiva will be greeted by Studio 3 Arts animating the complex with flash dancers, choirs and stilt walkers, together with a stunning display of performances from the talent of Waltham Forest.

Please refer to page 16 for a route map.

Traffic and travel

There will be some disruption on the roads. Please view the route map on page 16 to plan your travel accordingly and refer to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012 for more detailed information on the road closures.



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For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk
or www.imagineerproductions.co.uk

FREE EVENTS



London 2012 Live Site

Walthamstow Town Square boasts a live screen, continuously showing all of the Olympic and Paralympic events, as well as memorable ceremonies such as:

- Olympic Games Opening Ceremony (27 July)
- Olympic Games Closing Ceremony (12 August)
- Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony (29 August)
- Last Night of the Proms (8 September)
- Paralympic Games Closing Ceremony (9 September)
- Team GB and Paralympic GB Parade (11 September)

Grab your friends and family and come down to watch.

Chairs will be out every day during the Games.

William Morris Gallery

Lloyd Park, Forest Road Walthamstow, London, E17 4PP

The William Morris Gallery will re-open to the public **on Thursday 2 August 2012**. People of all ages will be able to enjoy new exhibitions, new facilities and an exciting programme of activities and events. The journey through the life and work of Morris will show how the radical Victorian designer, craftsman and campaigner continues to be relevant to us today. Visit www.wmgallery.org.uk for more information.



Annual Celebrations

There is yet more fun to be had this summer. Don't forget our annual events!

2012 Music Festival - Tuesday 17 July and Wednesday 18 July

Free concerts at the **Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, Walthamstow, E17 4JF.**

Performances at 12.30pm and 7.30pm on both days.

Celebrate local music making in the Olympic host borough of Waltham Forest. Enjoy a wide range of local choirs, music groups, schools and young musicians.

Chingford Day Dance Festival - 12 August 1pm - 7pm

The Ridgeway Park, off Peel Close, Chingford, E4 6QX. A family fun day with dance acts from around the world plus live bands with lots of children's entertainment. The Real Thing, Lee John of Imagination and Kenny Thomas.

Leyton Day - 9 September 2pm - 6pm

Leyton Cricket Ground, Leyton, E10 6PY. A family fun day with children's entertainment, live stage music, with a bouncy castle and fun fair.

Car Free Day - 16 September 1pm - 7pm

Church Lane, Leytonstone, E11 1HB. All roads in Leytonstone Town Centre will be closed to traffic and open to a family fun day with live music from The Beat, to be held outside Leytonstone tube station.

Light Up Langthorne Park - 29 September 8pm - 10.30pm

Langthorne Park, Birch Grove, Leyton, E11 4YG. Light spinners, spectacular fire jugglers, children's entertainment, food stalls and Titan the robot.

grooving with soulful gospel and jumping with African gospel. Come prepared to dance! The workshop will be followed by a performance on the festival stage.
To participate register at
www.choirsinwalthamforest.com

Freddy Boy's Big Rock and Roll Show

Friday 10 August, 7.30pm.
Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, E4 7EN.
Rock and roll music night featuring tribute acts to Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Eddie Cochran. With DJ Little Di playing your favourite roll and roll tunes. Entry £15 in advance of £17.50 on the door. Tickets on sale now, book early to avoid disappointment.
Phone Freddy on 07930 544312.

E17 Jazz

Every Wednesday, 8.30-11pm.
Walthamstow Cricket Club, 48a Greenway Avenue, E17 3QN.
The award winning E17 jazz collective presents weekly concerts featuring local musicians of national renown plus exciting guest stars in a relaxed jazz club setting. Entry £5.
For more information visit
www.e17jazz.com/whatson.

Tell us what's on

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Children and young people

Grow Your Own Theatre

Days and time vary.
Venues across Walthamstow.
Drama and Theatre making for young people in Walthamstow. Want to create your own shows and perform them? Projects for ages 3-19yrs. You have stories. You have ideas. We want to hear them.
For more information phone
Sarah at Grow Your Own Theatre on 07541 082552, visit www.growyourowntheatre.co.uk or email sarah@growyourowntheatre.co.uk.

Make a visual tapestry of Waltham Forest

Wednesdays in August, 1-4pm.
Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, E17 9NH.
Each week participants will be

invited to add to a collective map using drawings, textiles, printmaking, photography, calligraphy and animation. The 'tapestry' will be displayed in the Mapping the Changes exhibition so visitors can chart its progress. You can drop into one or all of the five sessions. With artist Shehnoor Ahmed. All events are free. No booking required. If busy you may be asked to return later. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Activities are designed for children aged 5 upwards.
For more information phone
020 8496 4391, email Vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk.

English-Mandarin Bilingual Reading Club

Thursdays in August, 10.30 am-12.30pm.
Suite 12, Gateland Business Centre, 210 Church Road, E10 7JG
Bilingual Reading Club for Children aged 2-11 years old. It aims to improve children's literacy and Chinese by listening to stories. A highly experienced Mandarin teacher will work with a native speaker who is in charge of reading English story books. £6 for pre-school children and £8 for pupils every class.
For more information, please phone Mr Cai on 07412 485 813 or email cailianhui1972@hotmail.com.

Summer Activity Camp

Monday 23 July to Friday 17 August, 9am-5pm.
Rush Croft Sports College, 57 Rishcroft Road, E4 8SG.
Activity camp for children aged six to 13 years. Activities include cookery, multi sports, arts and crafts, rock climbing, trampolining and much more. Children aged 6 to 13 years.
For more information phone
Jo on 07528 937717 or email Bookings@rushcroft.com.

Football teams for U15s and U18s

Tuesdays 5-7pm.
Kelmiscott Leisure Centre
Training takes place weekly.
For any further info contact
sab@salaampeace.org

Summer fun in E17

Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 July, 10am and 11am.
The Small Hall, St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road, E17 3JF.
Musical fun for the family, for under 5 with siblings up to the age of 8; a 'Bongalong' mix of jolly games, amazing instruments, groovy dancing and, of course sensational singing. Pre-book one, two or all three

sessions at the discounted rate of £4.50 per child under 5, £2 for older siblings. Or turn up on the day £6 per child under 5, £2.50 older siblings. Limited spaces.
For more information phone
Fiona on 07811 460282, email fiona.bongalong@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/bongalongmusic.

Act 2 Summer School

Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August.
Handsworth Primary School, E4.
Week-long drama and theatre summer school. Drama, dance, music and clowning. Stagefighting, mask and special make up. Price of event £125 for the week (£4) per class plus sibling discounts and limited free places.
For more information phone
Amanda Goodwin on 07939 144355, visit www.act2drama.co.uk or email Management@act2drama.co.uk.



Wadham FC trials/training

Wednesday evenings.
Wadham Lodge/Matchday Centre, Kitchener Road, E17 4LL.
We have teams from u7 to u16 years. We also want to start a new under 7s team for next season. All our coaches are FA qualified/crb/first aid. We train on Wednesdays and play in Sunday leagues. If you would like to come along for a trial or attend a training session please call to book.
For more information phone
Paula on 07980 347772, email wadhamnews@aol.com or visit www.clubwebsite.co.uk.

Free Active8 kids hockey sessions

Saturdays, 10-11am.
Walthamstow Academy, Billet Road, E17 5DP.
Waltham Forest Hockey Club is running additional free kids hockey every Saturday for children from as young as 7 to as old as 16. Sessions are made up of a range of games while a skills camp runs alongside the games for anyone new to hockey or wanting to develop specific skills. Free of Charge.
Phone Matt Lovell on
07909 913121, or email youth@walthamforesthc.co.uk for more information.

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays; 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 12.45pm
Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street Walthamstow E17 9AH.
Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities.
For further information call Christian Karlsson on 07958 471083, email chris@stunningmusic.com or visit www.stunningmusic.com.



Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service (FIS), the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds. **For more information visit**
<http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk>

Community Ward Forums

Hoe Street

Tuesday 17 July, 7-8.30pm
Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, E17 7NH. Refreshments and informal talk with Councillors from 6.45pm.

Higham Hill and Safer Neighbourhood Team

Wednesday 18 July, time 7-9pm.
Higham Hill Recreation Ground, The Hut, Hecham Close, E17 5QT
Refreshments and informal chat with Councillors and SNT from 6.30-7pm.

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

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Council Meetings

Monday 16 July

Staffing Committee, 9am and 11am

Tuesday 17 July

Community safety Scrutiny Committee
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 18 July

Finance Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 19 July

Council

Thursday 26 August

SafetyNet Executive, 2pm

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall and start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

Monday 16th July - Friday 24th August




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Waltham Forest



Council Leader Chris Robbins and Chief Executive Martin Esom will cycle to get around the borough during the Olympics

Pedal power to beat Olympic traffic

- Council buys bikes to encourage staff to cycle during the Games
- Council Leader and Chief Executive will also cycle to beat Olympic traffic congestion

As residents prepare for the excitement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games they're also steeling themselves for congested streets and additional pressure on public transport.

Waltham Forest Council is already ahead of the curve, having purchased a fleet of new bikes to help staff get from A to B rather than being stuck in traffic while local people wait for vital services.

While we can't promise the kind of cycling skills that would grant them priority access to the Olympic Velodrome, two public sector workers donning helmets and trouser clips will be Council Leader Chris Robbins and Chief Executive Martin Esom, both of whom have pledged to beat Olympic Traffic with the new acquisitions.

"It's about leading by example," Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News.

"We know traffic's going to be a real issue come Games time and we've been doing our best to encourage local people to think about how they're going to get wherever they need to go while the Olympics are underway.

"Our staff are no exception. We're encouraging Council workers to car share or otherwise change their routines to ensure services run smoothly. These new bikes will serve as an additional way to ensure visits aren't missed and local people receive the services they rely on.

"The bikes will continue to be used long after the Games have been and gone, helping us in our commitment to be a cleaner, greener borough that also boasts some very healthy employees."

The Council has purchased 22 new bikes, which bring the number of pool from a supplier in Chingford, demonstrating

the Council's commitment to procuring locally so as to boost the local economy.

They were paid for with Olympic additionality funding – central Government funding that London boroughs had to specifically bid for.

If you want to beat the traffic by cycling during the Olympic and Paralympic Games you'll find lots of useful information and advice on the Waltham Forest Council website. The Council even offers free cycle training for over 16s who live, work or study in the borough.

If you want to learn to cycle or improve your confidence, you can book a free lesson at a location and time of your choice.

More info

For more information on cycling in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cycling or phone 020 8496 3000.

In brief



Free Hockey Frenzy!

Waltham Forest Hockey Club and GLL, the Council's leisure service operator, are offering residents of all ages the chance to take part in free hockey sessions. The 'five week hockey frenzy' is open to children and adults of all abilities. The sessions will take place at Kelmscott Leisure Centre (243 Markhouse Road, E17 8RN) every Tuesday from 31 July to 28 August. Juniors' sessions take place from 7-8pm, with adult sessions running between 8 and 9pm. So if the forthcoming Olympic Games have inspired the sportsperson in you, phone Kelmscott Leisure Centre to book your free place.

• For more information phone Kelmscott Leisure Centre on 020 8520 7464.

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Godiva Awakes

Powered by cyclists, a 10 metre high large scale puppet of Godiva operated by puppeteers will take part in a processional performance with partners Masquerade 2000 Europe's leading carnivalists and Studio 3 Arts organisation. Starting from Ridgeway Park in Chingford, to the Crooked Billet and onto Waltham Forest Town Hall where she will be received in an explosive and dynamic reception welcoming her to art performances which highlight the best of Waltham Forest as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

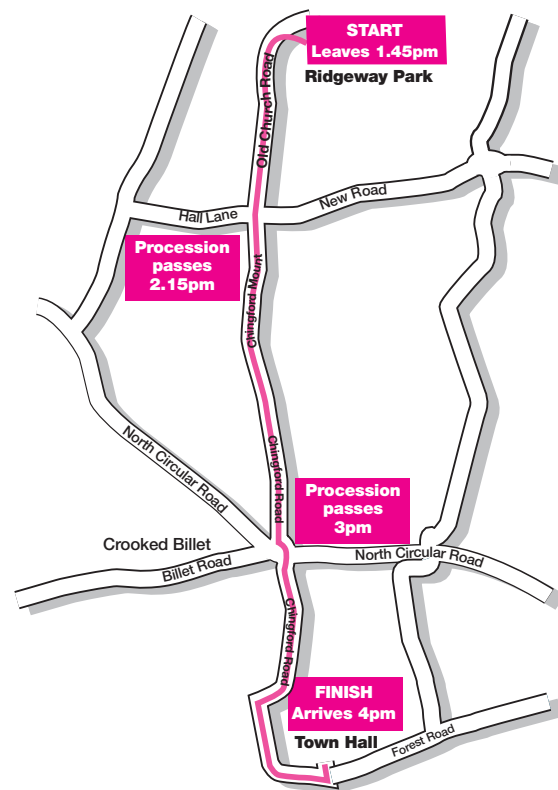
Sunday 5 August

Procession leaving Ridgeway Park Chingford
at 1.45pm.

Expected time of arrival at Waltham Forest
Town Hall, Forest Road 4pm.

www.walthamforest.gov.uk

www.imagineerproductions.co.uk



Traffic and travel

A programme of rolling road closures will be in place on the day. Motorists should expect delays and plan an alternative route where possible. Parking restrictions will be in place along the entire route between 7 am - midnight. Further details can be found on www.walthamforest.gov.uk.



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Businesses in Waltham Forest should double check their Games time and emergency plans

Businesses urged to plan for 2012 Games

- Double check your business plans for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Council offers free advice to help businesses plan for worst-case scenarios and take advantage of Olympic opportunities

In just under two week's time, the London 2012 Olympic Games will begin and hundreds of thousands of visitors will be flocking to east London. But as well as excitement the Games will also bring disruption to Waltham Forest, and local businesses should double check that they can cope.

With around 750,000 people expected to visit the Olympic Park every day during the Games, residents will experience some disruption to their normal routines.

One major problem that businesses will face is that roads are likely to be very busy.

By now most businesses and organisations will have planned how they will cope with the disruption that the Games will bring. Make sure that you have spoken to your suppliers to ensure that they can deliver to your business outside of normal hours, such as night-time instead of rush hour. If you haven't already, look at how your staff usually travel to work and see if they can walk, cycle or car share.

As well as planning for the Games, you should also think about how your business would cope if there was a major incident, such as a

flood, fire or power cut.

The Council's Civil Contingencies Joint Service team (CCJS) is on hand to help local businesses cope in the event of a major disaster and tell them how they can access real-time updates of any news affecting the borough during the London 2012 Games.

As well as planning for potential traffic and staffing problems it is also important that you plan for emergencies as they can affect your business' financial well-being, reputation and very existence.

Business Continuity Management (BCM) is the process of planning to ensure that your business can return to 'business as usual' as quickly and painlessly as possible in the event of a major disruption.

It is vital you find out what you should do to get yourself, your business and your staff ready for an emergencies.

Local business owners should sign up for the CCJS e-newsletter which gives handy tips and advice, as well as alerting businesses of potential problems such as road closures, disrupted services and any major incidents.

Research shows that

around half of all businesses who experience a disaster with no effective plans for recovery fail within the following 12 months – so plan now to ensure your business flourishes during the London 2012 Games. If you haven't made a plan, do it now.

For residents the best source of advice for reliable, up-to-the-minute information about Council services or any incidents affecting the borough is the Waltham Forest Council website. The website will be updated several times a day during the Olympic Games to keep you up to speed with the latest news and advice.

In the last issue of Waltham Forest News there was a comprehensive 12 page cover wrap giving advice on changes to Council services during the London 2012

Games. If you missed it you can download old editions of Waltham Forest News from the Council website.

More info

For more information phone the Civil Contingencies Joint Service team on **020 8496 3000**, email **business.continuity@walthamforest.gov.uk** or visit **www.londonprepared.gov.uk**. View or download old editions of Waltham Forest News at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wfn**.

In brief



Waltham Forest Mela cancellation

Waltham Forest Council would like to apologise to residents who were disappointed by the cancellation of the borough's annual Mela festival. The festival was scheduled to take place at Chestnut Fields, behind Waltham Forest Town Hall, on Sunday 15 July. The Council sadly had to call off the event on Friday 13 July, when a health and safety inspection revealed that the site was severely muddy and water logged. The Council felt that this, combined with the forecast for more rain, would have lead to unsafe conditions. The Council is now looking for a suitable date in order to host the event later in the year.

- The Council website is the best place to go for up to the minute information on events affect the borough. Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Could you be part of the decision making process?

Adoption and Fostering panels in Waltham Forest are looking for members who consider the approval of prospective adopters and foster carers, the annual reviewing of foster carers and the matching of children with both prospective adopters and long-term foster carers. Panels meet every month and on occasion twice monthly.

Do you fit the profile?

We need a variety of experience on each panel, to represent all aspects of adoption and fostering and we are currently looking to recruit panel members who:

- are a birth relative who has lost a child through adoption (adoption panel)
- are fostered themselves, or have fostered a child (fostering panel)
- have a background in Health (fostering panel)
- have a background in Education (fostering panel)
- work or have worked with children and young people (fostering panel)

We are also seeking to recruit an experienced Vice Chair for the fostering panel.

We encourage individuals of all ethnicities, religions and gender to apply, and would welcome in particular male and BME panel members. There is a remuneration for your time and commitment.

For more information on the role of becoming an adoption panel member call **Arnoldus Coppens** **020 8496 1591** or email **arnoldus.coppens@walthamforest.gov.uk**

or
For more information on the role of becoming a fostering panel member call **Donna McKeon** **020 8496 1606** or email: **donna.mckeon@walthamforest.gov.uk**

Courses for Adults

2012 – 2013

Enrolling Now!

- We have hundreds of courses which are completely **FREE** for you if are on job seekers allowance (JSA)
- Waltham Forest CLaSS is committed to giving you the skills you need to get back into work

Contact CLaSS

For more information see

www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk

or telephone or visit any of our centres

Leyton Neighbourhood Learning Centre 020 8558 6805

Leytonstone Learning Link 020 8988 0555

Queens Road Learning Centre 020 8496 2974

What our learners say

“I have benefitted from the course as it gives me a sense of well-being”

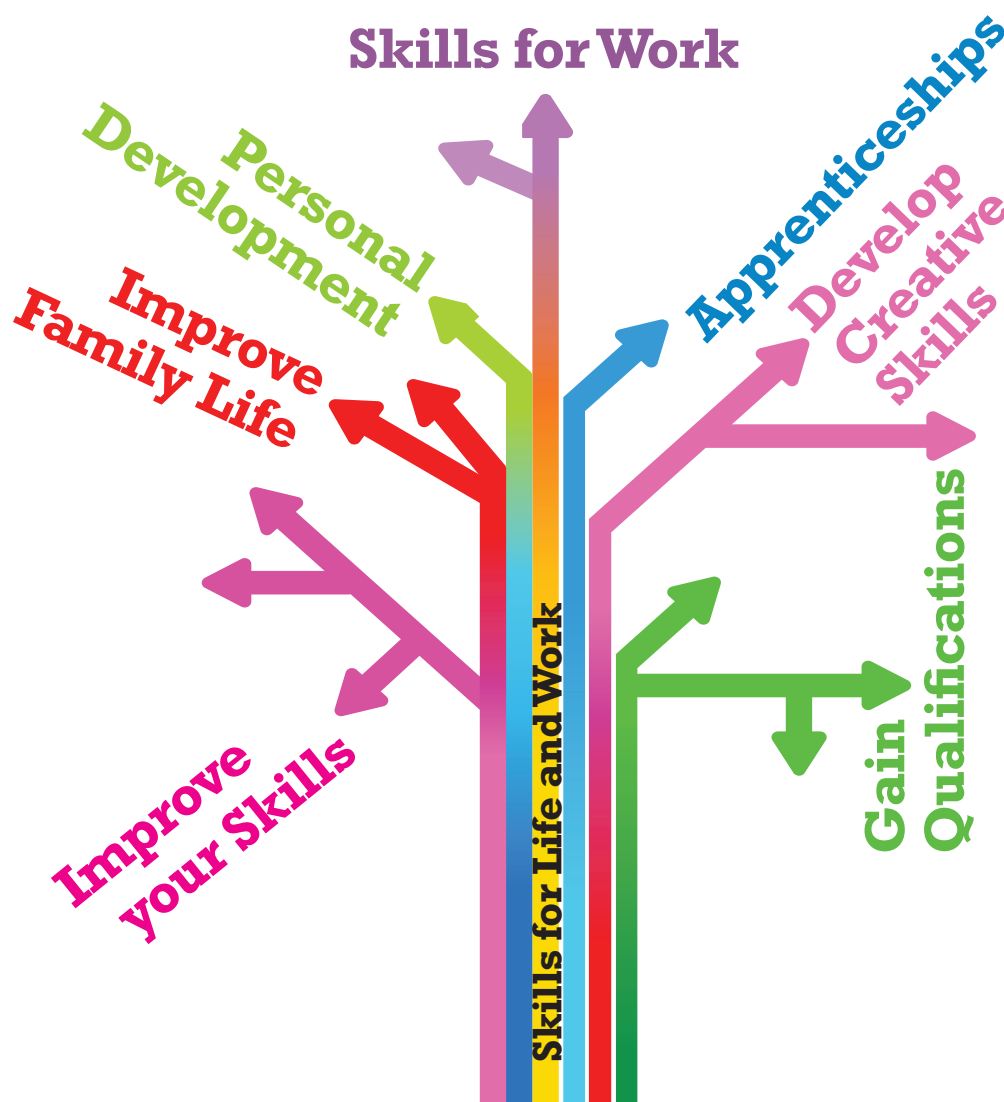
“It's so long since I've studied I was dreading it but I am really enjoying it”

“The lecturer explains in detail, treats us with respect and is very approachable”

“I am now far more confident to look for jobs”

“I've developed a better attitude”

“I have recommended this course to others, friends and family”



Keep a look out for our brand new 2012 - 13 prospectus which will be available in all our learning centres, Waltham Forest Libraries and retail outlets throughout the borough.

Preparation for Life and Work Skills



To join any English or Maths course, you must come to an enrolment session. At enrolment we will give you an assessment and talk to you about which class you can go to. Enrolment may take up to 2 hours.

Enrolment sessions will be held at :

Queens Road Learning Centre on Monday 10th September at 10.00, 12.00, 2.00 and 6.00

Leytonstone Learning Link on Thursday 13th September at 10.00, 12.00, 2.00 and 6.00

Leytonstone Learning Link on Friday 14th September at 10.00 and 12.00.

English – Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening

If you are a native English speaker but need help to improve your everyday reading and writing, these courses are for you. Courses are at different levels and follow the Adult National Literacy Curriculum. At the end of the course you will be entered for a Functional Skills English qualification.

To join a course, you must come to an enrolment session. At enrolment we will give you an assessment and talk to you about which class you can go to. Enrolment may take up to 2 hours.

If you would like to take an assessment, contact any of our centres to arrange an interview.

ENGLISH GCSE classes

We have free courses starting in September and January. Classes run once a week at different venues and times.

Maths

These courses help you to improve your Maths and gain a nationally recognized qualification – from beginners to Level 2. Courses are at different levels and follow the Adult National Numeracy Curriculum. At the end of the course you will be entered for a Functional Skills Maths qualification.

You must have a good level of spoken English to join a maths course.

Maths - GCSE Higher

If you are not ready for GCSE we will recommend a suitable class to help you.

Free intensive fast track English and Maths classes at Level 1 and Level 2

- We offer FREE flexible workshops

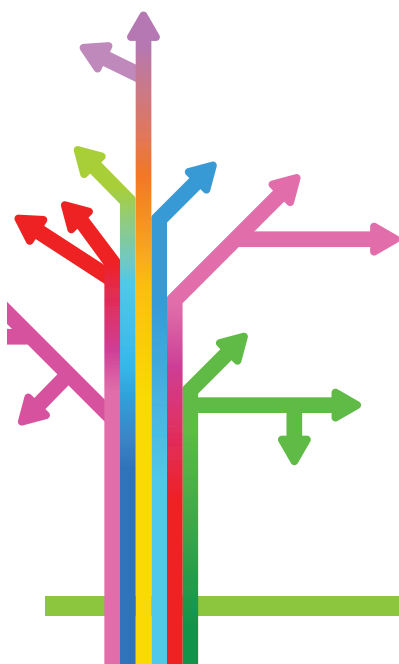
Do you need to:

- Get a qualification in English or Maths?
- Update your old qualifications?
- Get an English or Maths qualification so you can work or train as a classroom assistant?
- Get an English or Maths qualification to join a college or university course?
- Improve your English or Maths to help you at work
- Update your Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The new English and Maths Functional Skills are widely recognized by employers, universities and colleges.

If you don't already have a GCSE or Level 2 in English or Maths this is a qualification at the equivalent level.

If any of the above applies to you, then come along to our FREE sessions and tests and we can help you get what you need. Each session is 2.5 hours.





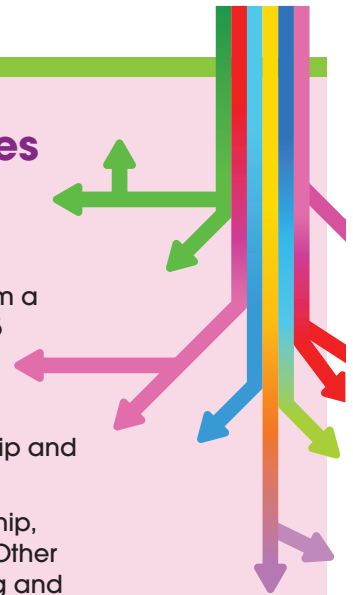
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

There are courses at all levels in the mornings, afternoons and evenings, from Monday to Saturday. All learners are entered for national qualifications. We interview all learners before offering them a class. To book an interview telephone 020 8496 2974 / 020 8988 0555

Citizenship - Preparation for the Test

This course is aimed at people who are applying for British citizenship and who want help in preparing to pass the on-line citizenship test.

For people with a low level of English who want to apply for citizenship, the Home Office accepts attendance at an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class, with the successful completion of Speaking and Listening examinations at Entry 1 or Entry 2 or Entry 3 and progression to the next level



Skills for Work and Life Courses General Curriculum

Hundreds of courses available in various subject areas. Our courses enable you to learn new skills, gain a qualification, turn a hobby into a business or simply complete a course you have been meaning to for some time. Courses on offer include:

- Art
- Beauty and Complementary Therapies
- British Sign Language and Deaf Studies
- Business, Finance and Law
- Customer Service
- Care, Childcare, Play Work and Youth Work
- Computers and ICT
- Cookery and Food Safety
- Counselling and Self Development
- Crafts
- Exercise, Fitness and Sport
- Family History
- Family Learning - Adults and Children Together
- Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy
- Parenting
- Fashion, Furnishings and Fabrics
- First Aid and Health and Safety
- Floristry
- Foreign Languages
- Gardening
- Interior Design
- Interpreting and Translation
- Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities.
- Performing Arts
- Photography, Digital Cameras and PhotoShop
- Pottery
- Teacher - Training and Working in Schools and lots more.



Back to Work Courses

These FREE courses will help you search for work, gain confidence and organise yourself. You get support with the written parts of the courses, but you must have a good level of spoken English. These short courses also help you complete application forms, write a CV and learn job search skills

For more information see www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk or telephone or visit any of our centres

Leyton Neighbourhood Learning Centre,
3 The Square (Next to ASDA), High Road, Leyton, E10 5NR -- 020 8558 6805

Leytonstone Learning Link,
23-25 North Birkbeck Road, Leytonstone, E11 4JF - 020 8988 0555

Queens Road Learning Centre,
97 Queens Road, Walthamstow, E17 8QR - 020 8496 2974



Workskills Programme - Courses for Employers

CLaSS has a range of courses aimed at supporting the training needs of local public and private sector employers. In addition to providing bespoke training for employers, courses are available in the following subject areas

Computers for Work, First Aid and Health & Safety for Work, Care and Childcare for Work, Skills for Front Line Staff and Writing for Work

For more information, to receive a copy of the latest version of WorkSkills Brochure or to set up a meeting contact Paul Coster: Paul.Coster@walthamforest.gov.uk



Working in Partnership

CLaSS is committed to partnership working with community and voluntary organisations. Our partnership work engages a whole range of organisations and community groups including groups supporting people with learning difficulties or disabilities, people recovering from alcohol and drug misuse, homeless groups, refugees and asylum seekers, elderly people, young people, lone parents and many more. If you would like to work in partnership with CLaSS or would like more information contact Feroz Khan 020 8496 2024 or email Feroz.Khan@walthamforest.gov.uk

Work-Based Learning for 16-18 Year Olds and 19+

You can join the programme at any time during the year.

Are you 16-18?

Looking for a job with local businesses but don't have the qualifications?

Our Unlock Your Potential programme offers a range of vocational skills training plus Maths, English and ICT to get you where you need to be in life.

We offer you

- Your own personal career plan and training package
- High quality teaching and learning
- Highly supportive environment
- Work experience with local businesses
- Getting connected with local employers and colleges

You gain

Maths, English and ICT qualifications – a minimum required by all employers and a work related qualification in Business Administration, Retail, Customer Service, Childcare or Creative Industry

There is a government bursary available for 16-18 year olds. Interested? Contact Farook Looch to find out if you are eligible farook.looch@walthamforest.gov.uk

Apprenticeships

These courses are for motivated young adults who want to complete an apprenticeship whilst gaining work experience in their chosen profession. All courses are full-time and comprise work placement and day release.

You gain your qualification through continuous assessment and portfolio building. We offer Level 2 Apprenticeships and Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeships in

- Business Administration
- Childcare
- Customer Service
- Health and Social Care
- Youth Work
- Teaching Assistants

To join the programme, you need to have gained at least a "D" at GCSE or equivalent grade in both English and Maths.

You will also receive a minimum training allowance

For more information or to book an interview contact the Work Based Learning team

Soledad.Thomas@walthamforest.gov.uk 0208 496 2030 / Harpal.Rull@walthamforest.gov.uk 0208 496 2029

Public Notices

Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY: SATURDAY 21st JULY 2012
THE WALTHAM FOREST ('OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY'
SPECIAL EVENT) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION
16(A) – AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 TT12**

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that to facilitate the holding of a special event, namely the 'Olympic torch relay' to be held on Saturday 21st July 2012 in various roads it has made an Order, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory traffic signs are displayed, to:-

(a) close to vehicles that length of High Road Leyton which lies between its junction with Grange Park Road and its junctions with Ruckholt Road and Warren Road between 2 p.m. and midnight, except for emergency service vehicles and special event organisers;

(b) close to vehicles that length of Farnan Avenue which lies between its junction with Forest Road and the western access road of Waltham Forest Town Hall between 12 noon and midnight, except for emergency service vehicles and special event organisers;

(c) close to vehicles, on a rolling closure basis for 30 minutes for each road, the following roads and lengths of roads between 6 p.m. and midnight, except for emergency service vehicles and special event organisers –

i. Church Road which lies between its junction with High Road Leyton and Grange Park Road

ii. Eastway which lies between the borough boundary with the London Borough of Hackney and its junction with Ruckholt Road;

iii. Forest Road which lies between its junction with the southern access road of Waltham Forest Town Hall and its junctions with Chingford Road and Hoe Street;

iv. Grange Park Road;

v. High Road Leyton which lies between its junction with Hoe Street and its junction with Church Road;

vi. High Street which lies between its junction with Hoe Street and the un-named footpath which lies between High Street and Selborne Road;

vii. Hoe Street which lies between its junction with Forest Road and its junctions with High Street and Church Hill and which lies between its junction with High Road Leyton and its junction with Selborne Road;

viii. Ruckholt Road which lies between its junction with High Road, Leyton and its junction with Eastway;

ix. Selborne Road;

x. The western access road of Waltham Forest Town Hall;

xi. The southern access road of Waltham Forest Town Hall.

xii. The un-named footpath which lies between High Street and Selborne Road;

(d) restrict waiting and loading by vehicles in the following roads and lengths of roads between 7 a.m. and midnight, except for emergency service vehicles and special event organisers –

i. Church Road which lies between its junction with High Road Leyton and Grange Park Road;

ii. Forest Road which lies between its junction with the southern access road of Waltham Forest Town Hall and its junctions with Chingford Road and Hoe Street;

iii. Grange Park Road;

iv. High Road Leyton which lies between its junction with Hoe Street and its junction with Church Road and which lies between its junction with Grange Park Road and its junctions with Ruckholt Road and Warren Road;

v. Hoe Street which lies between its junction with Forest Road and its junctions with High Street and Church Hill and which lies between its junction with High Road Leyton and its junction with Selborne Road;

vi. Ruckholt Road which lies between its junction with High Road, Leyton and its junction with Eastway;

(e) suspend the existing one-way working for vehicles in the following lengths of roads:-

i. Adelaide Road between its junction with High Road Leyton and its junction with York Road;

ii. Dunedin Road between its junction with High Road Leyton and its junction with York Road;

iii. Leyton Park Road between its junction with Beaconsfield Road and its junction with High Road Leyton;

iv. Lyttelton Road between its junction with High Road Leyton and its junction with York Road;

v. Murchison Road between its junction with Dawlish Road and its junction with High Road Leyton;

vi. St George's Road between its junction with Beaconsfield Road and its junction with High Road Leyton;

vii. St Mary's Road between its junction with Beaconsfield Road and its junction with High Road Leyton;

viii. Sedgwick Road between its junction with Dawlish Road and its junction with High Road Leyton.

2. The Order will come into force on Saturday 21st July 2012 and will remain in force for one day.

Note: Certain parking places will also be suspended in Farnan Avenue, High Road Leyton, Hoe Street, Leyton Park Road, Ruckholt Road, St. George's Road and St. Mary's Road

Dated 16th July 2012

**K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,
Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London E10 7AS**

Planning

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)
ORDER 2010 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2012/0980

APPLICANT Fairview New Homes Ltd

ADDRESS Chingford Municipal Offices

16 The Ridgeway, Chingford, London; E4 6PS

PROPOSAL New build residential accommodation in buildings ranging between 2 and 4 storeys in height comprising 88 residential units (11 x 1 bed, 49 x 2 bed, 20 x 3 bed & 8 x 4 bed) and provision of 111 car parking spaces and associated landscaping. Retention and conversion of "Old Town Hall" building into uses in either Class C3 (Residential)D1 (Non Residential Institutions), D2 (Assembly and Leisure), A2 (Financial and Professional Services) or B1 (Offices).

APPL.NO 2012/0953

APPLICANT Churchill Retirement Living

ADDRESS 51 Hall Lane, Chingford, London E4 8HW

PROPOSAL Redevelopment comprising part three storey, part two storey development to provide 33 sheltered apartments for the elderly including communal facilities, access, car parking and landscaping.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day 16 July 2012

**David Scourfield - Head of Development
Management On Behalf of London Borough
of Waltham Forest**

Accounts Audit

**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 2011-12**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Sections 15 and 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011,

Regulations: 9, 10, 21, 22 and 23

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by The District Auditor, Audit Commission of 1st Floor Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4HQ. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

(1) From Wednesday 8th August to Wednesday 5th September 2012 inclusive, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) any interested person may, on application to the address below inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 2011-12 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

(2) From 10.00 a.m. on Friday 7th September 2012 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.

(3) From 10.00 a.m. on Friday 7th September 2012 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Dated 4th July 2012

John Turnbull

**Corporate Director Finance and Procurement,
London Borough of Waltham Forest**

Waltham Forest Town Hall

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Consultation

Hoe Street road safety and streetscape improvements

Have your say on plans to make Hoe Street safer, attractive and more user friendly between Albert Road and Boundary Road



The council is asking for your views on proposed changes and improvements to a section of Hoe Street, Walthamstow between Boundary Road and Albert Road. The scheme would make the road safer and the area more userfriendly for cyclists and pedestrians. Proposed changes include a new zebra crossing, traffic calming measures and new central road islands. New cycle parking will be provided close to shops, street lighting will be upgraded and tree lighting will be installed.

Scheme plans and example photos will be on display at Walthamstow Library (High Street Walthamstow, E17 7JN) until Friday 3 August 2012.

You can also speak to the scheme designers at the library on Wednesday 18 July between 4pm and 7pm.

The consultation will end on Friday 3 August 2012.

For more information or to have your say, e-mail:

Traffic.Scheme@walthamforest.gov.uk or telephone 020 8496 3000.

Details on this, and other council traffic consultations, can be found by searching for "traffic schemes" on

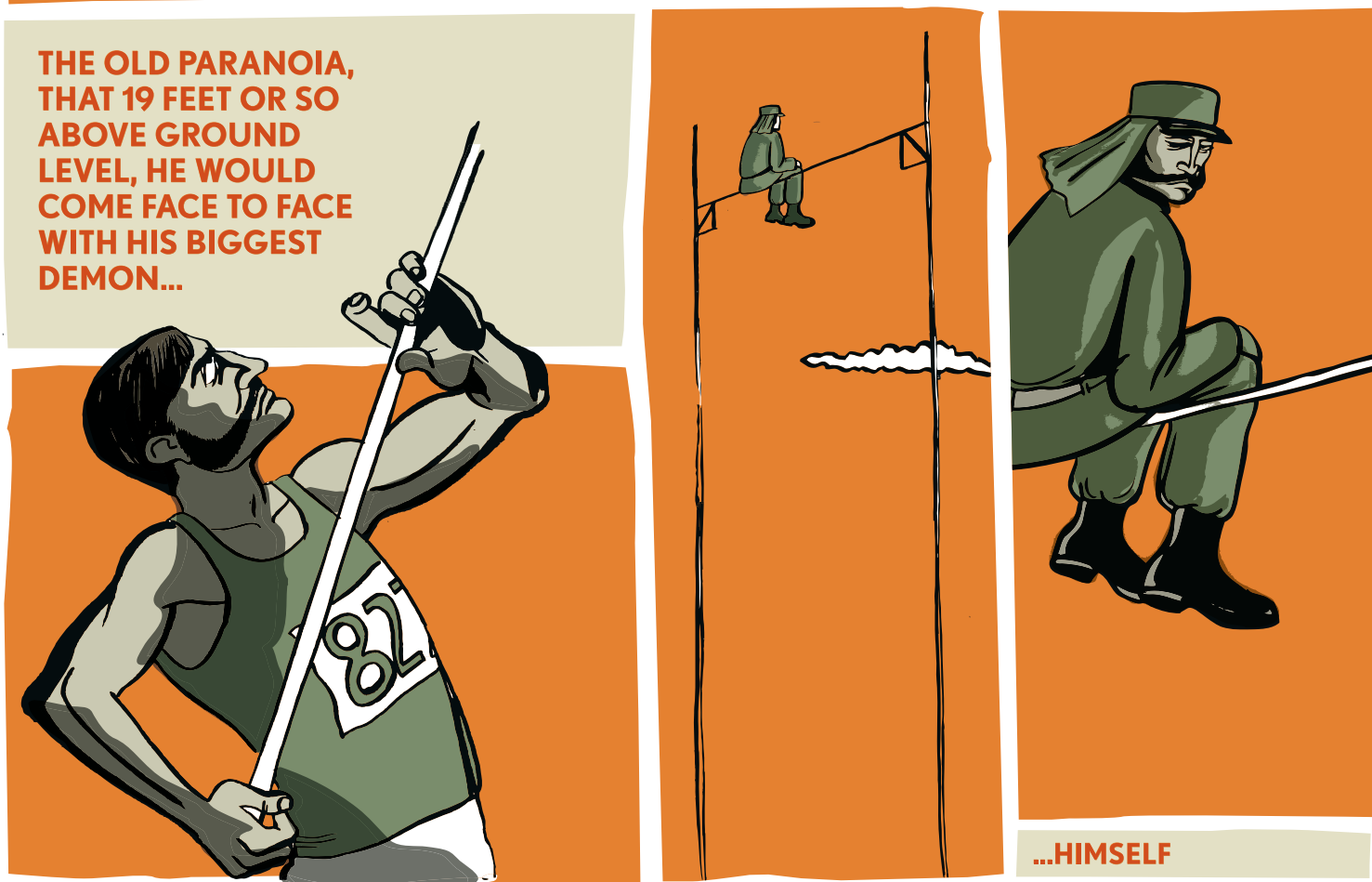
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WITH HIS BIGGEST
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The Torch Relay is coming



Saturday 21 July 2012

Come out and enjoy this momentous occasion and cheer the torch on as it makes its way through the borough and enjoy some of the top entertainment along the route. Pick your spot now.

Evening Celebration event

Limited tickets available on the day

If you didn't manage to get tickets for our spectacular evening celebration, there will be a limited amount available on a first come first served basis on the day from 4pm.

**Chestnuts Field,
Waltham Forest
Town Hall Complex
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF**

Doors open at 3pm. Ticket holders must arrive by 5pm to guarantee entry.

For more information visit
www.walthamforestbig6.co.uk
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012

Traffic and travel on Saturday 21 July 2012

The Torch Relay is a once-in-a-lifetime event which every resident can get involved in but it will cause some travel disruption on the day.

Part of High Road Leyton will be closed from 2pm to 9pm, and there will be a rolling road closure along the rest of the main route from 6pm until approximately 8pm. Some bus services will also be diverted.

There will be parking restrictions along the whole of the Torch Relay route from 8am to 12midnight Saturday 21 July. For more information on traffic and travel visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012** or **www.getaheadofthegames.com**.

If you are travelling to join in the evening celebration, the mini events along the route or to cheer the torch on please do not travel by car.



Waltham Forest